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The Honorable Megan Brennan
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer,
United States Postal Service
c/o Mr. James Cari
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan,

As the representative for Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, I am writing to express my concerns with postal delivery problems in Petersburg, Virginia. Reports from earlier this year by CBS 6 News ([enclosed](#)) and ABC 8 News ([enclosed](#)) document significant issues, including undelivered mail being deposited in a dumpster and mail being delivered to the correct address, but months late.

Individuals and businesses rely on the USPS to meet countless needs; it is imperative that mail delivery service be reliable and timely. The problems I have described require immediate attention.

In particular, the situation surrounding undelivered mail being found in a dumpster, as documented by CBS 6 and ABC 8, is concerning and utterly unacceptable. Mail delivered by the United States Postal Service (USPS) – including bills, medical supplies, and private, sensitive information – should always be treated with care and consideration. Petersburg residents deserve to know that their mail will be delivered in a reliable and timely fashion. While USPS has assured my office that “all recovered mail has been delivered” and that an “investigation would be handled by the Office of the Inspector General,” I remain concerned by the circumstances that led to this situation.

I am requesting an update on what proactive steps the USPS is already taking to address the mail delivery concerns I have outlined. Additionally, I request that my office be informed of the findings of the Inspector General's investigation into the circumstances that led to undelivered mail being discarded in a dumpster. Finally, I understand that USPS operates under financial constraints and congressional mandates. It is critical that we provide USPS workers with the resources they need to effectively perform their duties, and I am committed to doing my part. If USPS lacks the necessary resources to correct these problems, or if Congress is failing to provide necessary support, please share that information, as well.

Please contact Elizabeth Hardin, my District Representative, with any response; she can be reached at 804-486-1840 or at elizabeth.hardin@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your attention to these issues; I look forward to resolving them.

Sincerely,

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